

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Thu, Dec 11th 2014**

A microphone amplifies the weak voice and makes it louder than the strongest voice. A motor bike can make a slow person faster than the world's fastest runner. Yes, God's kingdom can make an insignificant person greater than the world's greatest person. This is the message of today. "Strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Mt 6:33). But it is not enough that we have a microphone. We need to speak into it. It is not enough that we have the power of God's kingdom. We need to be aware of it and transform the world with God's kingdom. John the Baptist was a great prophet. He was the expected Elijah. He preached the Word of God without any compromise. He asked people to share with the needy. He not only preached justice but stood for justice and gave up his life for justice. He feared no one but even kings feared him. Indeed, there has been none greater than John the Baptist born of women; yet the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he. The power of the kingdom of God can do wonders much more than what John the Baptist did. The power of the kingdom of God can transform persons and society much more than what the power of John the Baptist accomplished. Am I ready?

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